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March, march, Ettrick and Tevlot-dale, Why the dell dinna ye march for ward in order! March, march, Eskdale and Liddesdale, All the Blue Bonnets are bound for the Border. Many a banner spread Flutters above your head, Many a crest that is famous in story, Mount and make ready then, Sons of the mountain glen, Fight for the Queen and the old Scottish glory.

Come from the hills where the lirsels are grazing, Come from the glen of the buck and the roe; Come to the crag where the beacon is blazing, Come with the buckler, the lance, and the bow. Trumpets are sounding, War steeds are bounding, Stand to your arms then and march in good order: England shall many a day, Tell of the bloody fray, When the Blue Bonnets came over the Border!

—Sir Walter Scott.

The border states in the Civil War were the five states Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, Kentucky, and Missouri, which had legalized slavery and bordered on the free states.

But a generation before that Withers called his book written and printed at Clarkburg, "Chronicles of Border Warfare or a history of the settlement by the whites of Northwest Virginia, and of the Indian warfare and massacres in that section of the State."

After a good deal of cogitation I have come to the conclusion that the border of pioneer days was best defined by the proposed boundary for the Fourteenth State in the year, 1776, the first year of Independence which was bounded by the Ohio River from its head to the mouth of the Sciota River, and from there in a straight line to Big Stone Gap in the Cumberland Mountains, thence with the mountains to the west line of Fairfax's grant, and with the west line of Maryland, and the old west line of Pennsylvania to the head of the Ohio, the point of the beginning. The land in this boundary which included parts of Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Kentucky and all of West Virginia, was known as the Border and the people who crossed the mountains to live here were known as Border Settlers.

L. V. McWhorter called his history of "Northwestern Virginia, Border Settlers. There can be but little doubt but that the term came from the Scotch who emigrated in such great numbers, and that the border of the Border was the Allegheny Mountain which extends for hundreds of miles forming the backbone of the Appalachian mountain range or system. It was the division line between the white men and the red men, the white men being free to settle anywhere on the slope from the Allegheny Mountain to the sea, and the Indians to have for their homes the country west of the mountain. From an early date the white men looked upon the Indian's land with a desire to possess it and they worked every scheme that they thought about, but made much headway with them. It was only when the settlers broke across the crest of the mountain and made their homes here was there any real progress.

The first great breach occurred in the French and Indian war when an effort to dislodge the French from Pittsburgh resulted in the defeat of Braddock's army. Then the savages having obtained a taste of blood and plunder raided east to the Blue Ridge and killed thousands of settlers. Strictly speaking the Indians were the first to break across the border to massacre white settlers of the Valley of Virginia, who had come there with the express consent of the Indian nations.

In this war a line of forts was established from the present line of Maryland to the present line of North Carolina, and peace and the old boundary line were restored after many years of warfare. When Dunmore became the governor of Virginia, and had made a study of the question, he became very much impressed with the fact that it would be nothing more than right to throw open the land on the western waters and immediately there was great activity in getting surveys made so that by some means they might ripen into grants. These surveying parties being interpreted by the Indian rulers, a large army was assembled under Cornwallis which was met by a large army of Virginians and the Revolutionary War commenced at Point Pleasant. Dunmore found himself on both sides of the question and lost out both with the King and the colony of Virginia.

The demand for the fourteenth colony, West Virginia, was defeated by the formation of the District of West Augusta, to take the place of a separate colony, and to satisfy the petition for a colony. This enabled Virginia to retain the boundary. The petition for West Virginia declared that twenty-five thousand families lived in the borders of their proposed colony and that they were ready for a government of their own. This movement was never settled until the State of West Virginia was created by President Lincoln and Congress.

The border sentiment was working all through the slow years and is indicated in the formation of counties which demanded that they be allowed the autonomy of county government free from interference on the other side of the mountain. In this way Tucker, Randolph, Pocahontas, Greenbrier, Monroe, Mercer, and McDowell broke away one by one, until it came to be a sort of a convention

that the western counties were to be allowed to cut loose and set up governments for themselves, and make the top of the mountain the line.

But this article is beginning to drag like a dead horse. Let us talk about a border that we know about and the Blue Bonnets that we depended from.

The longest bit of border given to any one county is the one between Pocahontas county, West Virginia, and Bath and Highland counties, Virginia. There must be at least eighty miles of it for the top of the mountain is made up of little curves back and forth. Charles Clendenn and I bought three and a half miles of this border the other day and tried to follow the line and found it wound in and out. The mountain looks straight on the map but it is a winding path when you try to follow it.

In 1791, the people living in the glens and coves of the mountains west of the broad fertile plains of Augusta county, got tired of going to Staunton to court, and they were able to get an act through the legislature giving them a new county reaching from Covington to Hightown so as to throw the waters of the Potomac into Pendleton county and the waters of the James into the new county. And it crossed over to the Randolph line and took in all that was left of Augusta county west of the Allegheny mountain, and all of Greenbrier that lay north of the present boundary line between that county and Pocahontas.

Most of the territory lay within the present boundary of Pocahontas, and a large part of the people lived on the western waters. The fathers of the county were partly chosen from west of the mountain, the board being made up of the following eighteen gentlemen:

Sampson Mathews, Samuel Vance, John Wilson, Charles Cameron, John Bear, Alexander Crawford, John Dolar, James Poage, William Poake, John Dickinson, John Kinkhead, George Poage, Jacob Warwick, John White, John Peables, John Lewis, Samuel Shrewsbury, and John Oliver. Sampson Mathews was the first sheriff. He was a son of Col. Sampson Mathews, a colonial colonel of Augusta county, and the sheriff had a son Sampson Mathews, of Pocahontas county, all prominent in Virginia history. The name Sampson entered into the Mathews annals by reason of John Mathews the first to settle in the Valley, having married a daughter of Sampson Archer.

Widow Margaret Lewis donated two acres for the court house near the big warm spring that gave the name of Warm Springs to the county seat. In these days Warm Springs was the big town of the county owing to the fine hotels about the big springs to which people came from all over the country. In the opulent stage coach days when it was considered a beauegest to light your pipe with a ten dollar currency bill. This gave a young man of Pocahontas county an idea about that time. He had been over to the Warm Springs in high society, and he had loved a lady long and well who lived on Knapps Creek. So he came home and called at the house and lighted his pipe with a ten dollar bill and won in a walk over all contenders.

The court decided that James Robertson who was living at the forks of Dunlaps Creek and Jackson River, now Covington, after reading the law, lived in the new county. This is highly interesting and it must mean that James Robertson, the grand old man of Tennessee, and the hero of the State of Franklin, and the maker of governors of Kentucky, was still claiming residence in Bath county.

The levy of 1791 was laid in tobacco, the total amount needed for the county being 5470 pounds, of which 1250 pounds of tobacco was to pay for eleven wolf scalps at 150 pounds each. Each tithable or taxpayer was required to pay 48 pounds of tobacco. The levy of 1792 was also laid in tobacco but beginning with 1793, it was laid in dollars and cents. The amount for all county expenses needed in 1793, including \$42.00 for wolf scalps was \$256.33 and 769 tithables were assessed thirty three and one third cents each. This for a county of about five thousand population.

In April, 1806, three prominent citizens of the Little Levels freed their slaves. Richard Hill frees two men, Job and Stephen, and John McNeel frees Judith and Hiram Grant. And William Edmiston frees Jesse Grant. It is probable that some common impulse prompted the movement. William Edmiston leaves considerable testimony of his feeling on the subject, stating that he feels it his indispensable duty to liberate him as he fully expects to stand with him in judgment before that God that will not do inequity, where he that has done wrong shall receive for the wrong according to his works whether they be good or evil. Therefore for these and other causes and considerations he has determined to emancipate the said negro.

Bath county maintained for thirty years its magnificent territory taking in the headwaters of the James River, and a large part of Greenbrier valley, with its fine county seat of Warm Springs where persons came from great distances to drink the water and bathe in the great pool. Its biggest spring flowed without

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varying at over seven thousand gallons to the minute, and the water maintains an average temperature of ninety-eight degrees. The Hot Springs five miles south is still hotter. Their maximum temperature is 102 degrees. Many famous men lived there and many high families resided in this mountain country where every prospect pleased. Gen. Samuel Blackburn, one of the greatest soldiers of America, a noted lawyer, the author of the anti-debiting law, lived in the county.

It is one of the best known beauty spots today owing to the development of the Virginia Hot Springs which attracts the flower of civilization from all over the world. In 1821, it was a border county second to none. But the Youngest People whose predecessors were the Red Indian, never were but always the best. The people on the western side of the Allegheny Mountain wanted to carve out a principality for themselves and there was land enough to make a great county that nine hundred square miles on that side of the mountain.

In those days it was a proposition to leave the question of new counties to the member to the legislature. In 1821, the people of each county living in what is now Allegheny county, in which are the cities of Covington and Clifton Forge, wanted to have a new county and joining with the new county and joining with the Greenbrier River, they presented much for the county seat part of Bath and outvoted the people who preferred that the big county remain intact, and accomplished their purpose of playing both sides against the middle. Two bills were introduced into the assembly one forming the county of Allegheny and the other the county of Pocahontas and in this way the ancient county of Bath lost most of its territory. So hasty and imprudent was the action that the names of the two new counties not settled and remain to this day. The county of Pocahontas received the name of Allegheny and vice versa. It was to have a far reaching effect for the action in dividing the county using the Allegheny Mountain as the division line had the effect of throwing the county of Pocahontas in the State of West Virginia, in 1863.

When the Civil War broke out, Pocahontas county ceased to have courts for upwards of four years, and its county seat was deserted and the houses stood empty.

Bath county over the border maintained the regular meetings of the county court all through the war, the minutes of the sessions being generally signed by Alexander H. McClintic.

March 13, 1863, it appeared to the court that the requisites placed upon Bath County by the Governor of Virginia, to furnish an allotment of male slaves for labor on fortifications and other works for military defense, was unreasonable for owing to their removal to places of greater safety, and to incursions by the public enemy not more than thirty male slaves between the ages of eighteen and fifty-five years remained in the county, and therefore they prayed that the requisition be recalled.

April 14, 1863, a few days after the surrender at Appomattox the brave and clear orders of the court took on a tone of defeat. On that day it appeared to the court that there was a quantity of bacon belonging to the government of the Confederate States, at the depot of Warm Springs. A commissioner was appointed to impress the same for the use of the destitute families of soldiers now in the service of the Confederate States. R. McDonald, clerk, was directed to remove the records of the county court of Bath county to some secure or secret place.

Then a silence came upon them, until August 21, 1865, when a new court appeared composed of the following gentlemen: Smith Darnall, John Cleek, Sr., Alexander H. McClintic, Osborn Hamilton, John Carpenter, Charles H. Hightower, Addison McClung, James L. Erwin, and Samuel Lewis, elected and commissioned by the governor of the Commonwealth, to continue in office until August 1, 1867.

The record shows that they took the oath of amnesty required by President Johnson, the oath to uphold and defend the government of Virginia, the oath of fidelity to the Commonwealth, the anti-debiting

Lost, A Basket

Will the person who got a cut glass basket from the Flower Department at the Fair Saturday by mistake, please return to Mrs. Carlin Pritchard Dunmore, W. Va. The basket contained French Marigold and had a red ribbon tied to the handle. Mary P. Havener, Clover Lick, W. Va.

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NOTICE—I am going away to school and will no longer do taxidermy work. W. E. Shackhurst, Cass, W. Va.

LOST—Ladies wrist watch on Fair Ground Wednesday evening—white gold Elgin, with the name "Jean" on back. Finder please return to Jean Dever, Elmtonville, W. Va., and receive reward.

oath, and the oath of office. But there is interlined at several places as if it had been omitted when it was first written, and had been required when it caught the eye of some gentleman with a grip-sack, inspecting around, so that the record now reads: "The oath to uphold and defend the government of Virginia as restored by the convention at Wheeling on the 15th day of June, 1861."

And that oath brought back the day when the Border finally became a fact accomplished nearly a hundred years after it had sought for a separate existence under the name of West Virginia. The possibility of a new state never ceased to exist in the minds of the mountain people for there were distinct traits existing in each. In a hundred ways they could be distinguished, but it may be summed up in a word that the mountain men were wilder and more abrupt, than the people of the lowlands, and that holds good today. His heart's in the Highlands wherever he goes.

I got a letter from a lady asking if Fayette county would be considered as being included in The Border. I think so undoubtedly. The first official expedition sent out by the House of Burgesses under batts and Feilam, took possession of the Miss (Miss) Valley for King Charles II, by appropriate ceremonies at Kanawha Falls, and I think that it is not only a part of the border but the head center of it.

All of us who are of border breed and birth should preserve the traditions of the border and keep the border in as good a condition as we received it.

Fiduciary Notice

The accounts of the following fiduciaries are before the undersigned commissioner of accounts of Pocahontas county for adjudication, to wit: The final settlement of L. N. Beverage, executor of the last will and testament of Uriah W. Beverage, deceased. The final settlement of M. W. Underwood, administrator of the estate of Mrs. C. E. Underwood, deceased. All persons interested will please take notice. T. S. McNeel, Commissioner.

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Farm for Sale

171 acres, 1 1/2 miles from Minnehaha Springs, on Warm Springs turn pike. This land is well watered, 100 acres level, remainder can be cropped. About 30 acres cleared, part in meadow. balance cut over land, house and some outbuildings. Good garden. Will take for this quick sale \$12 per acre. J. J. Louny, Kinneba Springs, W. Va.

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Administrator's Notice, Notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against the estate of Giles Sharp deceased, will present the same properly proven to the undersigned administrator at his office at Onoto, W. Va. All persons indebted to said estate will please prepare to settle at once. This 20th day of August, 1923. Porter Sharp, Admr, Estate of Giles Sharp, deceased.

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